

Sherman General PTSA Meeting
11/13/2018
6:30 p.m.

Called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Dani Kessler

Introductions made around the room

October 2018 minutes approved

Holiday Shoppe: 12-17-12/21; need volunteer for 2 days during the duration of the school day to manage inventory and be point person and willing to take it on next year; will co-chair this year with Tera Stocker; 20% of profits will be donated as community fundraiser; open house evening of 12/17; reach out to Dani, Tera or anyone on the board if interested; you have to be PTSA member to handle cash; if not a member, can fill out membership form and make payment.

Auction chair needed for next year to coordinate the subcommittees, co-chair this year, and take over next year. Reach out to anyone on the PTSA board if interested: Tera, Dani, etc. Tera sent an email for next meeting, December 6.

Spirit Wear will be sold at vendor fair.

Library update, Ms. Taylor: Thank you for the support; looking at continued needs and current local and world topics; books on immigration, female scientists, leaders in the community; books that are being replaced will go to Tacoma Housing if still in decent shape to pass on.; \$1,800 of inventory has been ordered.

Treasurer report, Wren Nettle Buck: October was busy! ZuluDesk approved by the board for iPads; School District will maintain the iPads, not Ms. Edmond. 31 kids participating in assorted after-school clubs; Judy and Ginger are in charge of handling registration for reading, ST math, coding; clubs seem to be heavy on the reading side. Team teaching? Can they both get paid the stipend? 10 kids per club covers stipend, expenses, and PTA overhead..

Masquerade Ball: Thanks Katie Meers and other volunteers; need to try and find more affordable booths

Governance compliance: tax forms mailed in; dues payments have started and we are on target for same number of members as last year; December is time to get financial review committee figured out.

Principal Tsuneishi: Veterans' Day assembly was a meaningful event; thanks for the pictures. We have a new teacher, Mr. Chen, who brings a lot of PBL experience; Dr. Wentworth is also a new teacher at Sherman; Debby Keith is the librarian on Monday mornings due to the 2 extra classrooms. 11/29 is the quarterly Superintendent's breakfast and are inviting two parents to join.; let Anne know if you'd like to go. Sherman was selected as a School of Distinction with steady growth in reading and math.; Due to PBL? We still need crossing guards and lunch monitors from 8:30-8:50, 3:30-3:45? Let Sarah Paskett know. Late start tomorrow. Meeting on Friday with maintenance about Buddy Bench and playground. Mr. Wise received \$2,000 for ST Math program. Do you have relatives or friends in State legislature? In January it is important that they reconsider decisions made that created shortfall in budget, which is not due to the salaries of teachers and other employees.

Wren Nettle Buck: Sherman has parent Brenda Wiest, union organizer, and Nath Lauver, former Sherman parent, who can help organize? Could PTA post contact info? PTA has to vote on releasing the info. Things get lost on Facebook; discuss ways to get info out.

Ms. Jaskar: Yearbook? Leo's photography does yearbooks for \$13, cheaper version for \$9; clubs will be in there, theater, vendor fair, Young Ambassadors, etc.. Should the front office take care of receiving payments? PTSA take it over and could charge extra as a fundraiser? Shutterfly as an option? Reach out to Tiger Times to help with it? Camp Seymour photos? Could get Leo's to take photos of groups as well. Sales tax issue? One-time popup sale so shouldn't need to worry about that. Motion made to have PTSA process payments; seconded and approved.

Homeless Heroes: Partnering with the Rescue Mission; made Thanksgiving cards. Warm clothing drive: coats, sock, new hats, scarves, gloves; starts week after Thanksgiving and runs for 3 weeks. Rescue Mission will deliver a barrel for us. What sizes? Any size! Tacoma Tenant Regulations are being read tomorrow night at City Hall.

After-school programs, Laura Hehr: We are in the last week of internal classes. Ginger and Judy doing a great job with programs offered: coding, reading, ST Math, penmanship; 2nd and 3rd grade book club. Will offer more variety in 4-week sessions; looking for new class ideas; yoga, dance, zumba, chess. Stipend is offered for the four weeks for instructor and some classes may only need facilitating. Finance education for kids as an option? We need to find space to hold the classes.

Book fair, Tera Stocker: \$10,000, above and beyond expectations. \$3,000 over any other book fair. Grandparent breakfast was huge!!!!

Masquerade Ball, Katie Meers: 130 pizzas and still sold out. Need to find a cheaper photo booth. Used to spend \$500; this year was \$750. Keep selling the prepackaged cotton candy. Facepainter was awesome but took too long on each face which meant long line.

Legislative Assembly, Kelly Valenzuela: Top 5 legislative priorities for 2019: Social Emotional Learning, School Construction and Simple Majority for Bonds, Prevent Gun Violence, Strategies to Address the Teacher Shortage, Strategic K-12 Investments to Close gaps. Even-numbered years vote on WSPTA platform. All of this is on the WSPTA site. Use social and emotional learning -- anti-bullying, body image, kindness, empathy, etc -- at Sherman? Other topics: lunch and recess, meal waste, unopened food saved and taken to local mission. February Advocacy Week, Focus day is Feb. 11th.

Makerspace update: November calendar shows how much it's getting used.

Vendor Fair: This Sunday 3:00-6:00; completely booked; looking for coffee truck; Bliss Ice Cream will be there; need help unloading vendors; see Tera Stocker or Sara Green if wanting to help; like and share on Facebook to be able to get in drawing for Starbucks; 5th grade fundraiser table will be set up.

Theater update, Amy Barnes: Not a lot of volunteer hours required from each individual person; there will be a volunteer lead; duties are as simple as sending emails or putting names in costumes? Talk with Amy if interested in taking over one of the larger volunteer roles. 100 kids signed up for auditions. Performance will be the last week of April at Foss High. Can contact Mrs. Nye as well. No experience necessary. This year's musical is Mary Poppins, Jr.

Auction update: Procurement is about to start, taking donations; auction is March 16th

Parent education, Dani Kessler: Sherman Facebook group will have the information regarding movies and speakers. Cost for some of the movies is \$500 for screening; try and not charge families for it; maybe ask for donations instead of selling tickets? Movie options are: *Screenagers* (Screen time, gaming, social media); *Like* (phones and social media); *Beyond Measure* (innovative schools, education styles); *Angst* (childhood anxiety awareness); *No Running* (physical education & physical literacy in schools) Will post them on the Sherman Community Facebook page, Sherman Elementary Community; taking surveys and maybe vote on choice during December Meeting. Maybe a 2- or 3-year continuing education for parents program? Maybe team up with another school for it.? Foss was a great venue last time we screened Screenagers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.